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Re: Inventor(s): Michael R. Rice, Eric A. Englhardt, Vinay Shah, Martin R. Elliott, Robert B. Lowrance and
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BETWEEN PROCESSING TOOLS
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97,
applicants wish to call the attention of the Examiner to the
following references:

U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0094588

A1, Fan et al.

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U.S. Patent No. 5,183,378, Asano et al.

U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0049398,
Gartland et al.

U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0096775,
Wang et al.

U.S. Patent No. 6,240,335, Wehrung et al.

U.S. Patent No. 3,952,388, Hasegawa et al.

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U.S. Patent No. 5,696,689, Okumura et al.

Foreign Art Reference No. JP 06132696 (Japan)

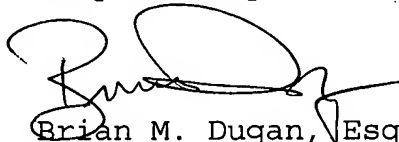
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Foreign Art Reference No. EP 0 850 720 A1 (EPO)

These references are also listed on the accompanying
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Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this
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Patent Documents

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	US-1	2002/0094588 A1	07/18/02	Fan et al.			
	US-2	2004/0187342 A1	09/30/04	Izuta			
	US-3	5,183,378	02/02/93	Asano et al.			
	US-4	2004/0049398	03-2004	Gartland et al.			
	US-5	2005/0096775	05-2005	Wang et al.			
	US-6	6,240,335	05-2001	Wehrung et al.			
	US-7	3,952,388	04-1976	Hasegawa et al.			
	US-8	6,839,603	01-2005	Karasawa			
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Foreign Patent Documents

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	F-1	JP 06132696	05/13/94	Japan			Abstract	
	F-2	JP 63234511	09/29/88	Japan			Abstract	
	F-3	EP 0 850 720 A1	07/01/98	EPO			X	
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OTHER ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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